

Agriculture and Early Settlements

► Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 8–9 of the Atlas. Read the introduction and the history question, “Isn’t that wild?” Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
 - a. For early settlers, hunting and gathering was more reliable than agriculture.
F
 - b. Agriculture changed human society forever. T
 - c. Dogs were the first domestic animal. T

★ Thinking About History

2. Read the introduction again. Then, for each of the following pair of events, write **C** next to the cause and **E** next to the effect.
 - a. C People began to herd wild animals and plant seeds.
E Farming communities began.
 - b. E Settlements became permanent.
C Farmers could get their food in one place.
 - c. C Settlements became permanent.
E Farming communities grew into villages.
 - d. E People became free to specialize and work other jobs than growing food.
C Farmers grew more food than they needed.

► Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Use map A, “Spread of Agriculture” to answer the following questions.
 - a. In what region did farming begin? Middle East
 - b. What were the first two cities? Catal Huyuk and Jericho
 - c. By 5000 B.C. why could more lands be farmed? because of irrigation
 - d. Why did farming spread into West Africa?
The Sahara got too dry to farm.
 - e. By 3000 B.C. on what continent were people still only hunting and gathering?
Australia

★ History Through Maps

4. Look at map B, "Jericho." Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. How many people lived in Jericho? about 1,000
- b. What buildings were located inside the city walls? tower,
grain storage, and houses spring is not a building
- c. What kind of crop was grown in Jericho? grain
- d. What was located outside of the city walls? grain fields
- e. What conclusions can you draw about the society of Jericho from looking at this illustration of the city? Answers may include: They were farmers,
they lived and worked together, they were self-sufficient.

➤ People and Their Environments

5. Look at picture C and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. Why was herding animals more reliable than hunting?
Herding animals guaranteed
a supply of meat, skins, and milk.

- b. What was one type of animal that was herded? goats

➤ Location

6. Look at chart D, "Earliest Domestic Plants and Animals." Draw a line from each domestic animal or plant to the place where it was found. Some animals and plants were found in more than one region.

Domestic Plant or Animal	Region
a. turkeys	Middle East
b. goats	Americas
c. yams	Africa
d. rye	South and Southeast Asia
e. rice	Europe
f. cotton	China